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## **WE'VE ALL GONE VIRTUAL!**

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In my short tenure as the Monroe Institute's president and executive director, I've already seen some significant firsts. We're about to embark on arguably the most significant so far.

You have heard us talking for three months about how to thrive through the pandemic. Your enthusiastic response has been a tremendous encouragement. Almost 100,000 people have used our free meditations since March.

As you may know, we've been offering online programs for a few years. Now, with health safety directing us, we're working quickly to expand our online programs.

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You've made it clear the mission and work of the Monroe Institute are critical as we navigate the pandemic. From you, we've learned there is a large audience for our virtual retreats—programs with the same power and depth as our residential retreats.

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How does this work? We will use the Zoom platform for our virtual retreats. There is more latitude in the way communication is handled. This can be helpful in serving both introverts and extroverts. It turns out that there is much more engagement with dual tracks for contributing to the conversation. More people benefit.

**The world is hungry for what we have to offer. And we are ready to deliver it.**

Robert A. Monroe left us a crystal-clear road map of the nonphysical universe. We honor his legacy by continuing to build upon that roadmap. Today it's considerably larger and more complex, richer than ever. Our goal and our passion is to keep the guided exploration of expanded consciousness fresh and accessible. The world is hungry for what we have to offer. And we are ready to deliver it.

The group bond that occurs when people come together in deep states of awareness is strong. Sharing feels intimate. Feedback from online program participants tells us that the group bonding is as strong online as during in-person courses.

The launch of this type of curriculum is rarely done online. Using Monroe Technology, it is unique in the world. We are plugging our "[big T](#)" into a virtual system and it fits like a glove.

**We look forward to reopening our residential programs when it is again safe to travel. But we're keeping our virtual retreats. They are here to stay!**

Since distance is not an issue, wherever you are on the planet, you can attend from the comfort of your home.

You will be guided by the same brilliant, skilled trainers who deliver our residential retreats.

I can't think of a better moment to spend time in powerful, targeted states of consciousness. As a Monroe trainer of 34 years, I am thrilled to witness the launch of this unprecedented opportunity.

We'll continue to add to the schedule of Virtual Retreats. Here's what you can register for so far:

June 20: Gateway Voyage: Experience expanded consciousness and nonphysical aspects of your total self.

June 20: Conscious Presence: Experience a deeper level of connection to the physical and true nature of the self.

June 20: MC2 (Manifestation and Creation Squared): Learn to influence physical matter through focus, intention, and manifestation.

July 18: Guidelines: Discover how to go within, deepen your intuitive channels, and access your inner guidance.

July 18: Peak Week: Enter into peak experience from the crowning exercises of several Monroe retreats.

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